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In Re The Application of:
 Arun G. Khanna

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For: DLSw RIF PASSTHRU TECHNIQUE FOR PROVIDING END-TO-END SOURCE ROUTE INFORMATION TO END STATIONS OF A DATA LINK SWITCHING NETWORK

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This Preliminary Amendment is filed in the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed on even date herewith, and in response to the FINAL Office Action mailed on June 4, 2003, and in response to the Advisory Action mailed on September 5, 2003. All objections and rejections are respectfully traversed.